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**GEOTEXTILE CONTAINER PORT****(Title of the Invention)**

the specification of which (check one)

☐ is attached hereto

☒ was filed on **December 30, 2003** as ~~U. S. Application Serial Number~~  
~~or~~ PCT International Application Number **US2003/41791**  
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Prior Foreign Applications			Priority Claimed		Copy Attached	
Application Number	Country	Foreign Filing Date (MM/DD/YYYY)	YES	NO	YES	NO

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